Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Was this Cheeku serving as a private servant under the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer, before he became the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Yes. That is the reason why I entertained him.

President.—There is no objection to entertain servants as peons.

The pumping operations near Polakkal in the Trichur Taluk.

431. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether there was pumping operations going on at the instance of the Government near Polakkal in the Trichur Taluk in connection with cultivation;

(2) whether it was peremptorily stopped owing to the mistakes of some subordinate of the D. P. W. which led to the escape of most of the water to the sea without the knowledge of the operators;

(3) whether the loss on that account would have come to about Rs. 20,000 or more;

(4) whether it is possible to recover the amount from those concerned, and, if so, any attempts have been made in that direction, together with the progress thereat?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—

(1) Yes.

(2) No.

(3) and (4). These questions do not arise in view of the answer to (2) above.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Did any quantity of water escape to the sea?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—From where?

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—From the Polakkal storage.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Not to my knowledge. No water escaped from the Polakkal storage.

Mr. C. Achyuta Menon.—Evaporated and then fell as rain into the sea!

President.—That is a natural process.

The assault on a patient by a Medical Officer.

432. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) has the attention of the Government been drawn to the para under 'Trichur' in the issue of *the Lokaprakasam*, dated 24th January 1927, regarding the kicking of a man who resorted

LIBRARY ARCHIVES Kerala Legislative Assembly